

SS Nenana Restoration Phase II

Capital Improvement Program - 8/24/2023

Nominator Contact Information	
Nominator's Name	SS Nenana Restoration Phase II Project Description: A full restoration of the SS
Organization (If Applicable)	Friends of SS Nenana
Affected Department	Parks and Recreation
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Project Information	
Name of Proposed Project	SS Nenana Restoration Phase II
Location of Proposed Project	Google Map!

Project Scope/Description

A full restoration of the SS Nenana would include creating a safe viable way for the community to visit the upper decks of the vessel. Included in this would be to preserve and tell the history of this important structure

Safety and Code Compliance	
Does the project reduce or eliminate a health or safety risk?	No
Please explain.	
In your opinion, what is the current condition of the facility?	Fair
Please explain.	The current structure is in poor condition and is closed to the public due to the risk involved with occupying it. Significant rot, peeling paint, lack of access, poor ADA accessibility, etc.
Does the project improve accessibility compliance?	Yes
Please explain.	This project would help to create more access to a larger portion of the vessel for the public and tourists. Making more money for the borough.

Facility Condition	
How old is the facility since its original construction?	41+ years
Does the project replace an existing facility?	No
In your opinion, what is the current condition of the facility?	
If yes, please identify the building it would replace and any other supporting information.	

Project Funding	
What is the status of project funding?	No Funding
Please identify the source and amount of any funding that is already secured in support of this project.	At this time the FNSB Assembly has not approved funding for Phase II work on the SS Nenana. The Friends of SS Nenana continue to raise funds for repairing the upper decks of the boat.
Please share any additional information that might be relevant here.	
Are there grants, foundations, sponsorships, or other alternative sources of funding available for this project?	Yes
If yes, is there a match requirement?	Yes
If a match is required, how much?	
Please identify the potential funding sources, how the project is eligible for such funds, any work done to commit such funds (i.e., application or proposal submitted and/or approved), and any additionally relevant information.	Added to NRHP: June 27, 1972 NRHP Reference Number: 72001581 Matching Requirement Both the preservation and education grants are 1:1 matching requirements. Each federal dollar must be matched by one non-federal dollar. Match may be in the form of cash or in-kind donations of time, goods, or services. So, a grant proposal for \$10,000 must support a \$20,000 project.
If applicable, does your organization plan on contributing any funds?	Yes
If yes, please identify the amount and source of funds planned in contribution of this project:	We are currently working on applying for the Maritime Heritage. Minimum and Maximum Grant Awards Applicants for preservation grants can request from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and applications for education grants can request from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The SHPO anticipates \$100,000 in available funds for preservation projects and \$227,500 for education projects.
Please attach and submit all relevant information related to Project Funding.	See attachments!

Environmental	
Will the project clean up contamination (such as lead, asbestos, fuel contamination, etc.)?	Yes

Please explain.	Residue in the wood left from lead based paint from years past needs to be sealed to paint over. The latex paint is peel off but test negative for lead.
Does the project improve air quality?	No
Please explain.	
Will the project reduce storm water runoff?	No
Please explain.	
Will the project improve groundwater quality?	No
Please explain.	
Will the project improve energy efficiency?	No
Please explain.	

Public Use	
Will the project improve the customer experience?	Yes
Please explain.	By repairing and reopening the boat it will bring in more tourist that will pay to see the last remaining sternwheeler in Alaska and the last remaining wooden hulled steam powered sternwheeler in America.
Is the project served by a fixed transit route?	Yes
Please explain.	There is a bus station at the front of Pioneer Park.
Will the project improve facility capacity?	Yes
Please explain.	This would allow for additional access for the community to the upper decks of the SS Nenana.

Ongoing Maintenance Cost	
Will the project reduce utility expenses on a cost per square foot (\$/SF)?	No
Please explain.	
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Please explain.	By repairing the damage to the boat from a lack of past maintenance it will be easer to keep the boat maintained. Different areas of the boat could be painted over the years to keep it maintained so the whole boat would not have to be painted at once.
Will the project extend the life of an existing facility?	Yes
Please explain.	Without repairing the upper decks and the hull will continue to rot and deteriorate.

Planning and Design	
Does the project have complete designs?	Yes
Please explain.	Design Alaska Inc. has done many reports for repair on the boat. The plan is already there it just needs to be carried out.
Have there been any project scope and/or engineering studies done?	Yes
Please explain.	Design Alaska Inc. has done full reports on the boat. They hired experts in Maritime design and history to inspect the boat. Phase I repairs on the cargo deck have been approved, the cargo deck will be opened in the summer of 2024.
What type of attachments do you have?	Hyperlinks
Hyperlinks	Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation Grant Program https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/maritime/amhpp.htm

Attachments: See attachments!

Budget Impact		
How will the project impact the operation budget for the affected department?	Increase the operating budget	
Please explain.	Once this project is done it would be appropriate to budget annually for continued maintenance so that the SS Nenana does not fall into such serious disrepair again.	
Population Reached		
What type of population will be served by the proposed project?	Regional areawide users	
Please explain.	The SS Nenana is an important historical monument for visitors and the community to visit and learn from. The Nenana is listed as a museum in Fairbanks, she is a living museum of history that can be seen and touched.	
Support		
Please select all applicable forms of support this project has.	Resolutions of Support, Letters of Support, General Public Support or Letters From Residents	
Please explain levels of support identified above and provide specific examples.	This project meets previous Pioneer Park Master Plans and the current one under consideration in the park.	
Does this project meet any goals or objectives that are identified in any Borough Plans (such as the Comprehensive Plan)?	Yes	
If yes, please identify which goals and objectives in specific plans that this project meets.	REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN https://www.fnsb.gov/DocumentCenter/View/900/Regional-Comprehensive-Plan-F	
Please attach and submit all relevant information related to Project Support (Letters of Support).	See attachments!	

Project Cost	
What is the estimated project cost (USD)?	5000000
Please explain why this cost is reasonable and should be allocated to this project.	If done by the new program using volunteer workers it would be less. If done by public works it could be significantly more